107TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 1857

AN ACT

To encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1 SECTION 1. SETTLEMENT OF TRIBAL CLAIMS.

- 2 (a) In General.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
- 3 sion of law, for purposes of determining the date on which
- 4 an Indian tribe received a reconciliation report for pur-
- 5 poses of applying a statute of limitations, any such report
- 6 provided to or received by an Indian tribe in response to
- 7 section 304 of the American Indian Trust Fund Manage-
- 8 ment Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4044) shall be
- 9 deemed to have been received by the Indian tribe on De-
- 10 cember 31, 1999.
- 11 (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—Subsection (a) is
- 12 solely intended to provide recipients of reconciliation re-
- 13 ports with the opportunity to postpone the filing of claims,
- 14 or to facilitate the voluntary dismissal of claims, to en-
- 15 courage settlement negotiations with the United States.

Passed the Senate February 26, 2002.

Attest:

Secretary.

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